

SENATE BILL 676

By Tracy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;
Title 54 and Title 55, relative to transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-4-202(c)(7), is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated subdivision:

() Tennessee Cave Salamander;

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 4, Part 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

(a) Owners or lessees of motor vehicles who are residents of Tennessee, upon complying with state motor vehicle laws relating to registration and licensing of motor vehicles and paying the regular fee applicable to the motor vehicle and the fee provided for in § 55-4-203, shall be issued a Tennessee Cave Salamander new specialty earmarked license plate for a motor vehicle authorized by § 55-4-210(c).

(b) The new specialty earmarked license plates provided for in this section shall contain a likeness of the Tennessee Cave Salamander and shall include the salamander's scientific name "*Gyrinophilus palleucus*".

(c) In accordance with § 55-4-215, the funds produced from the sale of such new specialty earmarked license plates shall be deposited in the wildlife resources fund established pursuant to § 70-1-401, to be used exclusively for management, protection, propagation and conservation of fish and wildlife species, including the Tennessee Cave Salamander, and the protection and enhancement of such species' habitats.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.